

Amendments to the Specification

Please further amend paragraph 24 beginning at page 9 and continuing to page 10 to read as follows:

[0026] A locking device designated generally at 96 is provided for preventing inadvertent rotation of the cover 90. The locking device 96 comprises a fastener 98 which is secured to the cover 90 so that it rotates along with the cover, and which is received in the threaded hole 86 of the outer face 84 of the closure. In one embodiment, the fastener 98 is aligned with the central axis A when secured to the cover. The fastener 98 illustrated in Figs. 5 and 7 comprises a bolt having external threads 100 interengageable with threads of the hole 86. For securing the fastener 98 to the cover 90, the locking device 96 further comprises a locking member 102 receivable in the central opening 94 of the cover. In one embodiment (Fig. 6), the locking member 102 is in the form of a nut having a polygonal (e.g., hexagonal) outer surface for nesting engagement with the internal wall of the cover 90 and a clearance bore 104 for receiving the bolt 98 having a circular inner surface. Thus, as described above and shown in the figures, the locking member has an outer surface which forms a radial abutment (1) to the internal wall of the cover and (2) against a rotation of the cover relative to said locking device. Thus, when the locking member is in nested engagement with the cover, the locking member and cover cannot be rotated in opposite radial directions at the same time. The bolt 98 is inserted through the bore 104 of the nut and threaded into the hole 86 of the closure 12. The bolt 98 is tightened to a suitable torque such that the head of the bolt applies substantial force against the nut 102 and, consequently, the bolt 98 and nut 102 are firmly secured together and rotate together with the cover 90. The locking device 96 is compatible with existing pump equipment. Although the locking device of the illustrated embodiment has two parts, it is understood that the locking device may have more or fewer parts without departing from the scope of this invention.